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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. In 1992, Hurricane Iniki struck Kauai, damaging  
2 seven thousand homes and causing \$2,000,000,000 in property  
3 damage. A 2011 Federal Emergency Management Agency Risk  
4 Assessment indicates a similar strike on Oahu could cause eight  
5 times that amount of damage.

6           The legislature finds that Hawaii residents require  
7 education on emergency and disaster preparedness, as indicated  
8 by:

- 9           (1) Rushing to the stores for food and water when there is  
10           a threatening event;
- 11           (2) Returning these supplies after the event;
- 12           (3) Complaining about short-term power outages; and
- 13           (4) Failing to understand the difference between hurricane  
14           versus tsunami evacuation planning.

15           The legislature further finds that the record number of  
16 hurricane warnings and misses in 2014, 2015, and 2016 indicates  
17 that the State has been very fortunate, but must take much



1 stronger action to educate the public on emergency management  
2 and disaster preparedness.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for the  
4 University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to:

5 (1) Develop a communication strategy and outreach plan for  
6 emergency management and disaster preparedness;

7 (2) Update and reprint the fourth edition of the  
8 *Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards*;  
9 and

10 (3) Conduct a systematic and targeted education and  
11 outreach initiative throughout the State for emergency  
12 management and disaster preparedness.

13 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
14 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much  
15 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2017-2018 and the  
16 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
17 2018-2019 for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program  
18 to:

19 (1) Develop a communication strategy and outreach plan for  
20 emergency management and disaster preparedness;



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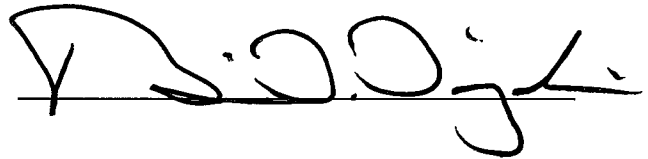
- 1           (2) Update and reprint the fourth edition of the  
2                 *Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards;*  
3                 and  
4           (3) Conduct a systematic and targeted education and  
5                 outreach initiative throughout the State for emergency  
6                 management and disaster preparedness.

7           The sums appropriated shall be expended by the University  
8 of Hawaii for the purposes of this Act.

9           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Relating to Emergency Management and Disaster Preparedness;  
University of Hawaii; Sea Grant College Program; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to develop a communication and outreach plan for emergency management and disaster preparedness, update the Homeowner's Handbook to Prepare for Natural Hazards, and conduct education and outreach throughout the State.

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